

10/583 3523 26 - GAU: 3725

AP3 Rec'd PCT/PTO 1 6 JUN 2000 PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute	for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known			
				Application Number	To Be Assigned 10/583, 326		
	NFORMATION DISC			Filing Date	June 16, 2006		
9	STATEMENT BY AP	PLIC	ANT	First Named Inventor	Thomas AUE		
				Art Unit	To Be Assigned		
	(use as many sheets as n	ecessar	y)	Examiner Name	To Be Assigned D Jones		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	095309.57861US		

Examiner	Cite	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
initials'	No.1					
/DJ/	AA	US- 5,941,112	Α	08/24/1999	Ghiran et. al.	
/DJ/	AB	US- 5,857,897	Α	01/12/1999	Krcek et. al.	
/DJ/	AC	US- 5,398,533	Α	03/21/1995	Shimanovski et. ai.	
		US-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
		Foreign Patent Document			Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages		
Examiner Initials'	Cite No. ¹	Country Code ³ –Number ⁴ –Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵	
/DJ/	AD	DE 199 02 058 C1	09/21/2000	Audi AG		ABS	
/DJ/	AE	DE 199 09 928 A1	12/07/2000	Audi AG			
/DJ/	AF	DE 199 09 928 C2	12/07/2000	Audi AG			
/DJ/	AG	DE 198 05 275 A1	08/19/1999	Dr. Meleghy Hydroforming GmbH & Co., KG			
/DJ/	AH	EP 0 491 574 A1	06/24/1992	Peerless of America, Inc.			

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²	
/DJ/	Al	International Search Report dated March 16, 2005 including English Translation of relevant portion and PCT/ISA/237 (Twelve (12) pages)		
/DJ/	AJ	German Office Action dated February 19, 2004 (Two (2) pages)		

Examiner	/David Jones/ (07/23/2008)	Date	07/23/2008
Signature		Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 8 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.